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APPLICANT : Rothschild, et al.  
SERIAL NO : 09/380,419  
FILED : July 24, 2000  
TITLE : MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR GENE AND USE AS A GENETIC  
MARKER FOR FAT CONTENT, WEIGHT GAIN, AND/OR FEED  
CONSUMPTION OF ANIMALS

Grp./A.U. : 1655  
Examiner : Einsmann, J.  
Conf. No. : 2593  
Docket No. : P03815US1

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for one month from February 28, 2002 to March 29, 2002.

Applicant is a large entity; therefore, a check in the amount of \$110.00 for one month is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension.

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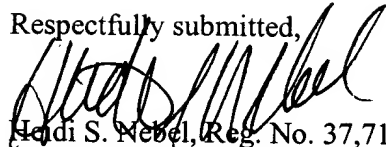
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